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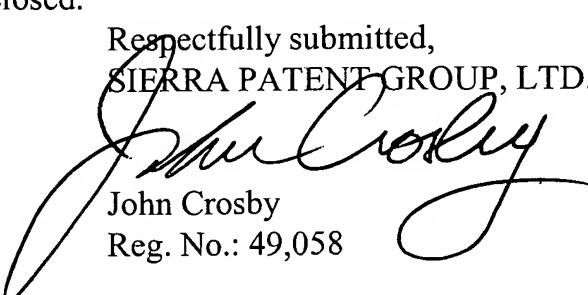
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a Response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application.

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 17, 2004, Applicant offers the following Amendment. This Amendment addresses all grounds for objection and rejection that appear in the Office action.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-17. (Previously cancelled)

18. (Previously presented) A method of forming an imager, the method comprising the steps of:

forming a first region of semiconductor material, the first region of semiconductor material having a first conductivity type and being free of germanium; and